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Upgradation of National Highways
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating upgradation or four laning of all the National Highways (NHs) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and names of the State Highways and NHs which have been upgraded to four lane or six lane each year during the last three years and the amount of money sanctioned for those and released, NH/State-wise;

(c) the details of State/National Highways pending for upgradation alongwith the time by which they are likely to be completed and the reasons for the delay in upgradation;

(d) the names of the agencies to whom the said work has been assigned;

(e) the State-wise requirement of land for extension of NHs, State-wise;

(f) whether proposals have been received from different State Governments for upgradation of State to NHs during the above period; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Concerned State Governments are responsible for development and maintenance of State Roads including State Highways (SHs).

The Ministry has taken up various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). Phases I, II and III of NHDP are primarily concerned with four laning of National Highways (NHs). Further, selected NH stretches have been taken up for 4-laning under NHDP Phase-IV. The Ministry has taken up NHDP-Phase V for six laning of about 6,500 km length of NHs. The present status of progress under these programmes are as follows:-

NHDP Phase	Total Length (km)	Length Completed (km)	Length under Implementation (km)	Length to be awarded (km)	Tentative revised target date of completion
I	7,522	7,521	1	0	----
II	6,647	5,991	408	248	December, 2020
III	12,172	7,144#	3,213	1,815	December, 2020
IV*	7,408	1,271	4,750	1387	March, 2021
V	6,500	2,483	974	3,043	March, 2021
Total	40,249				
	24,410				
	9,346				
	6,493				

*- Length selected for upgradation to 4-lane NH standard
#- includes about 870 km of 2-lane NH length

4-laning of about 580 km length of NHs are included under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads. Projects in about 444 km length have commenced for 4-laning under these programmes; out of this projects in about 77 km length have been completed. Revised target for completion of Phase-A of SARDP-NE and Arunachal Package is March, 2021.

The State / Union Territory (UT)-wise and lane-wise distribution of NH length is at Annexure-I.

The projects under NHDP have been assigned primarily to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Further, concerned State Governments also have been assigned specific projects under NHDP Phases −III and IV. Projects under SARDP-NE and Arunachal

Pradesh Package have been assigned to NHAI, concerned State Governments, Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL); besides, the Ministry has taken up implementation of some projects directly under Arunachal Pradesh package.

Keeping in view the requirements to enhance Road Safety, reduce congestions, improve road connectivity / conditions, the Ministry has taken decision to augment the NHs Network of existing 1,03,613 km. About 47,890 km length of State Roads have been approved "In-Principle" for their declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and initiatives have been taken for their DPR preparations. Further, the Ministry has reduced threshold traffic for 4-laning of NHs from 15,000; 11,000; and 8,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) per day to 10,000; 8,500 and 6,000 PCUs/day for Plain, Rolling, and Mountainous/Steep Terrains respectively. Decisions have been taken to entrust 4-laning of all such NHs to the NHAI for their implementation through additional market borrowings, etc., in a phased manner by leveraging limited available budgetary allocation. About 5,575 km length of NHs have been identified accordingly for their upgradations to 4 / 6 lane standards by NHAI and process have been initiated for their DPR preparations.

Allocations of funds for development of NHs are not made project-wise. The State/ UTs/Agency-wise details of allocation of funds and expenditure/ release made for development of NHs/roads under various schemes during last three years are at Annexure-II.

(e) to (g) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals for declaration of various State roads from various States/UTs as NHs. The Ministry considers declaration of State Roads as new NHs from time to time keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The State/UT-wise details of State roads declared as new NHs during last three years and current year is at Annexure-III.